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Title: SPOOL-TYPE HYDRAULIC DIRECTIONAL CONTROL VALVE
HAVING REDUCED CAVITATION

Moline, IL 61265

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Commissioner for Patents

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Amendment

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed 02 November 2004 , please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including two replacement sheets and two annotated sheets showing changes is attached at the end of this paper.